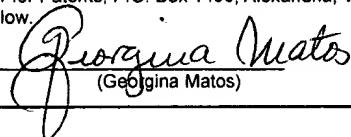


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated November 18, 2004 (Paper No. 20041109), for which a response was due on February 18, 2005. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three months extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to May 18, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Pending Claims are listed which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Amendments to the Abstract are on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including replacement drawing figures is attached following page 13 of this paper.